Article on Wastage of funds allocated for Kashmir

592. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to an article by one Mr. J. K. Dutt, in the Statesman of July 4, 1991 which contains assertions about wastage of funds allocated for Kashmir;

(b) whether Government have made any investigations into the matter;

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) The shifting of capital commonly known as 'Durbar move' is in vogue since the period of Dogra rulers of J & K.

(b) to (d) The report has been sent to the State Government for appropriate action.

Release of Israeli Tourists

593. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
KUMARI SAYEED KHATUN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of visiting Iaraeli Deputy Director General, Foreign Ministry, Dr. Moshe Yegar's statement that it was the immediate and coordinated effort undertaken simultaneously in Washington, Geneva, New York, London, Moscow and certain embassies in India and Pakistan to mount pressure on JKLF that brought release of Israeli tourists; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government's view is that continuing pressure mounted on the militants by Indian security forces and their efforts to secure the release of the hostage, as also international pressure led to the release of the Israeli tourist kidnapped by the JKLF in Srinagar.

Indo-Pak Talks at Male

594. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
KUMARI SAYEEDD KHATUN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the outcome of talks between representatives of India and Pakistan recently at Male and whether any change was perceived in Pak's attitude; and

(b) what was the outcome of SAARC meeting and in what manner the decision of economic cooperation is being worked out as far as India and Pakistan are concerned?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Bilateral issues including the schedule of meetings leading to the fifth round of Foreign Secretary level talks, were discussed. While Pakistan has concurred in these bilateral discussions, its suport to terrorism and subversion directed against India in Punjab and J&K continues unabated.

(b) Among the major achievements of the SAARC meeting was to set up a Technical Committee for Tourism, and a high level Committee for Economic Cooperation. The Economic Co-operation Committee will hold its first meeting by mid-September, 1991 in Kathmandu. The Committee will identify the recommendations in the Report of the Meeting of the

National Coordinators for the Study on Regional Cooperation in the Fields of Trade, Manufactures & Services, which can be taken up for implementation in the immediate run and also oversee the implementation of such recommendations. There are recommendations in the report which have a direct bearing on Indo-Pak economic relations, such as commitment to extend MFN treatment & standstill on & roll-back of tariff and non-tariff barriers.

Communal riots during recent Elections

595. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some communal riots took place during recent Lok Sabha and Assembly elections in the country; and

(b) if so, the dates, places, main reasons for the riots and the number of people killed/injured in each incident?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir. As per information available, major communal riots in five districts of Uttar Pradesh took place during the recent Lok Sabha and Assembly elections in the country.

(b) A statement is attached.

Statement

A Statement showing the particulars of major communal riots which took place during the Lok Sabha and Assembly elections in the country is as under: —

Name of the place and date	Number of persons		Main reasons for the riot
	Killed	Injured	
1	2	3	4
UTTAR PRADESH :			
Varanasi ((18—21-5-91)	10	146	Clash between supporters of two different political parties near the venue of a meeting.
Kanpur (19—22-5-91)	18	64	Alleged shouting of provocative slogans in a procession by supporters of a political party.
Gulawati town (Distt. Bulandshahar) (20—22-5-91)	11	5	Violence following allegation of poll malpractices.
Meerut (20—23-5-91)	31	67	Clash between the supporters of two political parties.
Allahabad (22-5-91)	4	23	Communal riot consequent to pelting of stone and arson between two communities).